

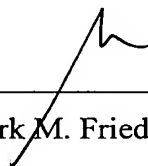
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the remarks following is respectfully requested. Claims 1-40 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated May 30, 2007, claims 1-7 were rejected, claims 10-27 were objected to and claims 28-40 were allowed. Claims 10-27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The base claim of claim 10 is claim 1, with claim 2 being the intervening claim. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 28-40 and the conditional allowance of claims 10-27.

The Examiner's rejection of claims 1-7 is respectfully traversed. However, in order to expedite allowance, Applicant chooses to cancel claims 1-7 and to amend objected to claim 10 by rewriting it in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Claims 11-27 depend directly or indirectly from claim 10.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 10-40 are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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